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SUBJ: ARAB MARITIME ACADEMY CRUISE ON FRENCH SHIP

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1. IN WHAT APPEARS TO BE A SHREWD EXPORT PROMOTION SCHEME
WITH APPEALING "AID TO ARAB COUNTRIES" CONTENT, FRENCH ARE
OFFERING "TRAINING CRUISE" FOR CADETS OF ARAB MARITIME
TRANSPORT ACADEMY AT ALEXANDRIA ABOARD FRENCH MERCHANT SHIP. FORTY-
TWO DAY CRUISE FROM SUEZ AND RED SEA TO GULF WILL COMMENCE

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JANUARY 29 AND CALL AT JIDDA, HODEIDA, MUSCAT, ABU DHABI,

KUWAIT, DAMMAM, BAHREIN, DOHA, DUBAI AND TRIPOLI BEFORE RETURNING TO MARSEILLES.

2. VOYAGE WILL BE ON "ILE DE BEAUTE", DESCRIBED IN PRESS AS ONE OF MOST MODERN FRENCH VESSELS EQUIPPED WITH MOST UP-TO-DATE ELECTRONICS. SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS ARE IDENTIFIED AS SECOTRA, AN ORGANIZATION SPECIALIZING IN MARITIME TRANSPORT RESEARCH, AND A GOF ORGANIZATION FOR RESEARCH IN MARINE AND PORT INSTALLATIONS. VESSEL WILL CONTAIN "FLOATING EXPOSITION" OF LATEST FRENCH INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS FOR DISPLAY AT PORTS ON ITINERARY.

3. SIXTY SECOND-YEAR CADETS, HALF DECK OFFICER CANDIDATES AND HALF ENGINEERS, WILL TAKE PART. ACADEMY COMMANDANT EXPECTS AT LEAST ONE CADET FROM EACH OF SIXTEEN ARAB COUNTRIES WHO SPONSOR MARITIME ACADEMY.

4. COMMENT: ARAB MARITIME TRANSPORT ACADEMY IS WELL-FINANCED MERCHANT MARINE SCHOOL FOUNDED UNDER ARAB LEAGUE SPONSORSHIP THREE YEARS AGO. COMMANDANT AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICERS HAVE BEEN CONSULTING CLOSELY WITH US MARITIME ACADEMICS FOR CURRICULUM AND OTHER ADVICE (REFTEL). THIS CRUISE WILL BE FIRST MAJOR FRENCH CONTRIBUTION OF WHICH CONGEN IS AWARE, ALTHOUGH UK AND FRG HAVE PREVIOUSLY COOPERATED CLOSELY IN GROWTH OF WHAT PROMISES TO BE A FIRST-RATE MARITIME TRAINING ESTABLISHMENT.
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